

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 377

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to commend Urias Christopher "Irish" Furbush for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Urias Christopher "Irish" Furbush is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Senator Steve Southerland; Mr. Furbush's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a student at Lipscomb University, where he is highly regarded by his peers, Mr. Furbush has achieved academic success while majoring in political science and government and participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including Phi Alpha Theta, Phi Theta Kappa, and Sigma Alpha Pi; he is president of the Alpha Zeta Upsilon chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha. He received an Associate of Science degree in political science from Nashville State Community College; and

WHEREAS, the recipient of the Course Directors Award: Audio Post Production, Irish Furbush received an Associate of Science degree in recording arts from Full Sail University; he was a staff engineer at OMNIsound Studios before opening his own audio engineering business, iRISHworks Audio, in 2007; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, iRISHworks Audio was a 2012 Mid-South Regional Emmy Award nominee in the category of Technical Achievement; project highlights include many youth evangelism conferences in Nashville, the 2014 City of Hope Celebrity Softball Game, the 2011 Dave Ramsey Entre Leadership conference, the 2010 and 2011 ASCAP and NSAI Awards, and the 2011 Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Dedication; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Irish Furbush brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2017 session of the One Hundred Tenth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2017 legislative session, Mr. Furbush has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; he researched several projects for Senator Southerland, contributed a computer illustration that will be used at the Panther Creek State Park Disc Golf Course, and participated in the office's famous Pie Day celebration by bringing a delicious cheese pie. Using his technological skills, he aided in presentations in committee meetings and installed equipment in the office; and

WHEREAS, he is most grateful for the love and support he shares with his wife, Sara Aine Furbush; his children, Aaron Joseph Furbush, Emily Leigh Furbush, and Ivy Elizabeth Furbush; and his cat, Ash, an American Bobtail; and

WHEREAS, Irish Furbush has demonstrated determination to live out his faith in God, both at work and at home; and

WHEREAS, Irish Furbush has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Urias Christopher "Irish" Furbush for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Steve Southerland and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.